

## Matthews, Joan

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**From:** Matthews, Joan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 2:54 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Arlene  
**Cc:** Sweeney, Philip; Gratz, Jeff; Lowy, Michael; Gould, Stephen  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up on the PFOA in Hoosick Falls water

Thank you for this update and following up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2014, at 2:52 PM, Anderson, Arlene <[Anderson.Arlene@epa.gov](mailto:Anderson.Arlene@epa.gov)> wrote:

Phil,

On Friday, I spoke with Ms. Kurland and provided an update of the situation to her. As of last week, NYSDOH was providing technical assistance to Rennselaer County Health Department, who remains in the lead of the investigation.

Today, NYSDOH has informed me of the following:

- the filters are not installed
- there a potential responsible party upstream of the water intakes
- the investigation is growing to include NYSDEC, NYSDOH health risk assessor, and other programs from NYS to determine cancer clusters and other health issues that Ms. Kurland and other residents are identifying as the communities concerns.

**Remainder: Reference Concentration of 400 ng/l has been established by EPA for PFOA.**

I'll continue to monitor the progress.

Arlene

**From:** Anderson, Arlene  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 2:58 PM  
**To:** Sweeney, Philip  
**Cc:** Matthews, Joan; Lowy, Michael; Gould, Stephen  
**Subject:** FW: PFOA in Hoosick Falls water

Phil,

It appears that there's conflicting information about the activated carbon filters being installed already. Below is the latest information available.

Arlene

**From:** Sokol, Roger (HEALTH) [<mailto:roger.sokol@health.ny.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 2:38 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Arlene

Cc: Boepple-Swider, Teresa (HEALTH)  
Subject: FW: PFOA in Hoosick Falls water

Arlene

Some additional information. With regard to your specific questions:

- Was this part of the UMCRA EPA-HQ sampling?  
No, Hoosick Falls was not conducting this sampling under the UCMR3....our understanding is that there was a concerned resident who "requested" the water system test for PFOA
- Is there an activated carbon system installed yet?  
To the best of my knowledge at this point in time there is no activated carbon system installed. Plans and specification for adding this treatment have not been provided to the Rennselaer County DOH
- Any follow-up being done by your department or the local agency?  
The Rennselaer County DOH has been working with this system. The well with the highest concentration of PFOA has reportedly been taken off line. A summary of the result to date are below and we understand that additional samples will be taken.  
**While not a regulated contaminant we note that a Reference Concentration of 400 ng/l has been established by EPA for PFOA. The majority of sample results are below that reference concentration.**

Village of Hoosick Falls NY4100041		
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) results (ng/L)		
Eurofins/Eaton Labs		
sample Id	10/2/2014	11/4/2014
well # 3	230	170
well # 6	280	280
well # 7	540	450
Finished water	not sampled	440
EPA Method 537		
MRL = 20 ng/L		

From: Sokol, Roger (HEALTH)  
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 2:00 PM  
To: 'Anderson, Arlene'; Boepple-Swider, Teresa (HEALTH)  
Subject: RE: PFOA in Hoosick Falls water

Arlene

We are aware of the PFOA issue in Hoosick Falls and no this was not a part of the UCMR3 sampling....still trying to determine exactly but it appears the water system conducted this sampling on their own.....we just got some data from them and are compiling now....will provide to you .....the Rensselaer Co. DOH has been the lead on this to date and we are working with them....will pull together the details as we know it to date and forward on to you

Roger

**From:** Anderson, Arlene [<mailto:Anderson.Arlene@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 12:51 PM  
**To:** Boepple-Swider, Teresa (HEALTH); Sokol, Roger (HEALTH)  
**Subject:** PFOA in Hoosick Falls water

Teresa and Roger,

I have some questions on the issue of PFOA found in the Hoosick Falls, NY water system:

- Was this part of the UCMR EPA-HQ sampling?
- Is there an activated carbon system installed yet?
- Any follow-up being done by your department or the local agency?

Any information you can provide would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Arlene

